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## Idaho Milk Production Up 1.0 Percent

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Idaho milk production during December 2012 totaled 1.12 billion pounds, a 1.0 percent increase from the same month last year, and a 2.5 percent increase from November 2012, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. November 2012 milk production was revised to 1.09 billion pounds, up slightly from the preliminary level. Average milk production per cow for December 2012 was 1,930 pounds, up 20 pounds from last year's level. The average number of milk cows during December was 580,000 head, unchanged from December 2011.

Milk production in the 23 major States during December totaled 15.7 billion pounds, up 1.7 percent from December 2011. November revised production at 14.9 billion pounds, was up 1.3 percent from November 2011. The November revision represented an increase of 31 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,848 pounds for December, 30 pounds above December 2011. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.49 million head, 5,000 head more than December 2011, and 16,000 head more than November 2012.

### Milk Cows and Production: Selected States, December 2011-2012

State	Milk Cows <sup>1/</sup>		Milk Per Cow <sup>2/</sup>		Milk Production <sup>2/</sup>		Change From 2011
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	191	185	1,970	2,025	376	375	-0.3
California	1,779	1,779	1,965	1,920	3,496	3,416	-2.3
Colorado	131	135	1,955	2,015	256	272	6.3
Florida	120	122	1,630	1,610	196	196	-
Idaho	580	580	1,910	1,930	1,108	1,119	1.0
Illinois	99	100	1,680	1,690	166	169	1.8
Indiana	174	174	1,740	1,820	303	317	4.6
Iowa	203	205	1,850	1,890	376	387	2.9
Kansas	123	131	1,780	1,840	219	241	10.0
Michigan	370	377	1,950	2,020	722	762	5.5
Minnesota	465	465	1,620	1,690	753	786	4.4
Missouri	93	93	1,240	1,230	115	114	-0.9
New Mexico	334	321	2,025	2,100	676	674	-0.3
New York	610	610	1,755	1,830	1,071	1,116	4.2
Ohio	270	270	1,625	1,690	439	456	3.9
Oregon	123	123	1,660	1,660	204	204	-
Pennsylvania	539	534	1,650	1,685	889	900	1.2
Texas	435	433	1,860	1,855	809	803	-0.7
Utah	89	90	1,800	1,810	160	163	1.9
Vermont	133	134	1,595	1,630	212	218	2.8
Virginia	96	95	1,530	1,545	147	147	-
Washington	263	264	1,950	1,950	513	515	0.4
Wisconsin	1,265	1,270	1,755	1,845	2,220	2,343	5.5
23 State Total	8,485	8,490	1,818	1,848	15,426	15,693	1.7

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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## Idaho December Red Meat Production Up 6 Percent from Last Year

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for December 2012 totaled 3.7 million pounds, up 6 percent from December of last year, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Accumulated red meat production for the January-December 2012 period totaled 43.0 million pounds, down 54 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.00 billion pounds in December, down 5 percent from the 4.22 billion pounds produced in December 2011. Beef production, at 2.02 billion pounds, was 5 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.54 million head, down 8 percent from December 2011. The average live weight was up 26 pounds from the previous year, at 1,323 pounds. Veal production totaled 9.8 million pounds, 9 percent below December a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 65,400 head, down 10 percent from December 2011. The average live weight was up 1 pound from last year, at 254 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.95 billion pounds, down 5 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.47 million head, down 5 percent from December 2011. The average live weight was down 2 pounds from the previous year, at 276 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 12.8 million pounds, was up 3 percent from December 2011. Sheep slaughter totaled 189,700 head, 5 percent above last year. The average live weight was 135 pounds, down 4 pounds from December a year ago. January to December 2012 commercial red meat production was 49.4 billion pounds, up slightly from 2011. Accumulated beef production was down 1 percent from last year, veal was down 9 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 5 percent.

### Commercial Red Meat Production, Selected States and United States <sup>1/</sup>

State	December 2011	November 2012	December 2012	December 2012 As Percent Of 2011 <sup>2/</sup>
	---- Million Pounds ----		---- Percent----	
California	146.6	144.9	140.1	96
Colorado	179.3	193.7	167.7	94
Idaho	3.5	3.7	3.7	106
Illinois	257.8	271.4	242.0	94
Iowa	595.8	589.6	548.2	92
Kansas	416.6	440.2	410.3	98
Minnesota	251.4	250.2	236.4	94
Montana	1.8	1.7	1.7	97
Nebraska	606.7	624.1	577.5	95
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	80
Oklahoma	98.6	103.2	98.8	100
Oregon	5.6	6.4	5.7	102
South Dakota	96.5	102.5	99.3	103
Texas	404.4	408.3	380.5	94
Utah	37.7	41.5	38.2	102
Washington	70.8	77.5	68.5	97
Wyoming	0.6	0.4	0.4	76
UNITED STATES	4,215.1	4,307.8	3,996.5	95

<sup>1/</sup> Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton. <sup>2/</sup> Percentages based on unrounded data.

## Idaho Cattle on Feed Unchanged from Previous Year

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on January 1, 2013 totaled 230,000 head, unchanged from the previous year, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. The cattle on feed inventory is down 6 percent from December 1, 2012. Placements of cattle in feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during December totaled 26,000 head, down 10,000 head from December 2011 placements. Marketings of cattle from feedlots with 1,000 head or more during December totaled 40,000 head, up 6,000 head from last month but unchanged from a year ago. Other disappearance totaled 1,000 head during December.

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.2 million head on January 1, 2013. The inventory was 6 percent below January 1, 2012. The inventory included 7.05 million steers and steer calves, down 3 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 63 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.07 million head, down 9 percent from 2012. Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.66 million, 1 percent below 2011. Net placements were 1.59 million head. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 495,000, 600-699 pounds were 415,000, 700-799 pounds were 379,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 375,000. Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.75 million, 2 percent below 2011. Other disappearance totaled 74,000 during December, 19 percent below 2011.

### Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots<sup>1</sup>

State	January 1, 2012	December 1, 2012	January 1, 2013		
			Number	As % of 2012	As % of December
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	279	267	272	97	102
California	510	490	480	94	98
Colorado	1,150	1,020	1,000	87	98
Idaho	230	245	230	100	94
Iowa	620	610	620	100	102
Kansas	2,250	2,190	2,110	94	96
Nebraska	2,550	2,530	2,480	97	98
Oklahoma	375	345	345	92	100
South Dakota	260	230	230	88	100
Texas	2,940	2,700	2,720	93	101
Washington	232	261	247	106	95
Other States	465	460	459	99	100
United States	11,861	11,348	11,193	94	99

## Frozen Stocks

Frozen stocks of French fries in the United States on December 31, 2012, totaled 909 million pounds, an increase of 13 percent from December 31, 2011 and down 2 percent from November 30, 2012. Other frozen potatoes, at 202 million pounds, increased 2 percent from last year and decreased 8 percent from the previous month.

United States stocks of butter on December 31, 2012, totaled 153 million pounds, up 43 percent from the end of the previous year, and up 20 percent from the previous month. Stocks of total American cheese totaled 605 million pounds, down 1 percent from December 31, 2011, and up 4 percent from November 30, 2012.

Commodity	Dec 31, 2011	Nov 30, 2012	Dec 31, 2012	Percent of	
				Dec 2011	Nov 2012
----- 1,000 Pounds -----			--- Percent ---		
POTATOES:					
French Fries	802,278	927,676	908,526	113	98
Other Frozen	197,635	220,607	202,177	102	92
Total	999,913	1,148,283	1,110,703	111	97
DAIRY:					
Butter	106,856	127,282	152,853	143	120
Natural Cheese					
American, Total	610,998	581,091	604,877	99	104

## **Idaho Onion Production**

In Idaho, the 2012 summer storage onion production decreased 14 percent from 2011 according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Production is estimated at 6.21 million cwt, down from the 7.18 million cwt produced in 2011. Planted and harvested acreage decreased 700 acres from last year to 8,700 acres, and 8,500 acres, respectively. Onion yield is down 50 cwt from 2011 to 730 cwt per acre. The value of the 2012 crop totaled \$52.1 million, up from \$36.8 million in 2011. The price per cwt for the 2012 crop is \$10.00, up from \$6.10 the previous year. Shrinkage and loss for 2012 totaled 1.00 million cwt, down from 1.15 million cwt last year.

Combining Idaho and Malheur County, the 2012 summer storage onion production decreased 8 percent from 2011. Production is estimated at 14.2 million cwt. Harvested acreage decreased 1,400 acres from 2011 to 19,100 acres, onion yield decreased 11 cwt to 741 cwt per acre. The value of the 2012 crop totaled \$124.2 million, up from \$77.9 million in 2011.

Nationally, summer storage production is down 1 percent from 2011 to 54.0 million cwt. Harvested acreage is up from 99,230 acres in 2011 to 103,750 acres in 2012. The U.S. average summer storage yield is down 32 cwt per acre from 2011 to 520 cwt per acre. The 2012 summer storage crop is valued at \$555 million, compared to \$408 million in 2011. Shrinkage and loss for the 2012 crop totaled 4.92 million cwt, down from 5.88 million cwt last year.